

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Saturday, July 23, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present.

Absent—Bewers, Broughton, Cole, Deuglas, Evans.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Counties and County Boundaries:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 23, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 246, entitled "An Act creating the county of San Jacinto, and naming the county site thereof," have given the same due consideration, and do hereby return the bill and petition with accompanying amendment and recommend its passage.

J. G. BELL,

Chairman of Committee.

Amend by striking out section three, and inserting the following:

Section 3. That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint county officers, such as other counties have under the laws of this State, for said county of San Jacinto; and that said officers shall hold their offices until the next general election for county officers in this State.

Laid over under the rules.

Report of Committee on Judiciary:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 21, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 178, entitled "An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Shooting Company," and Senate bill No. 208, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Gymnastic Association of New Braunfels," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that they do pass.

M. PRIEST.

Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Senator Hertzberg the rules were suspended to consider the report.

Report read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 178 read second time and passed to engrossment.

And, on motion of Senator Priest, the rules were suspended and bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage:

Yeas--Mr. President, Bell, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor Shannon--22.

Nays--None.

Absent--Baker, Bowers, Broughton, Douglas, Evans, Gaines--6.

Bill passed.

Senate bill No. 208 read second time.

Senator Bell offered the following amendment:

Strike out section three.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Bell it passed to engrossment; and, on further motion, the rules were suspended and bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage:

Yeas--Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon--22.

Nays--None.

Absent--Bowers, Broughton, Douglas, Evans, Gaines, Parsons--6.

Bill passed.

Report of Committee on Engrossment:

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed bills having examined and compared Senate bill No. 90, "to incorporate the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Pine Island Bayou Internal Improvement Companies;" also, Senate bill No. 59, "to incorporate the Sabine and Neches Mutual Insurance Company," and Senate bill No. 145, "to incorporate the Railroad, Real Estate, Building and Savings Associations of Texas," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,  
E. L. DOHONEY,  
P. W. HALL.

## Report of Committee on Enrollment :

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 23, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate :

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined and find correctly enrolled Senate bill No. 55, entitled, "An Act to organize and define the powers of the criminal district court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof," and Senate bill No. 202, entitled, "An Act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of General Land Office to issue patents on claims of one hundred and sixty acres of land, each, on payment of usual office fees, and fifty cents per acre," and to-day at 12 M. presented them to the Governor for his approval.

B. J. PRIDGEN,

Chairman.

Message from the House informing the Senate of the action of the House in the Senate amendments to House bill 254, refusing to concur in the amendment striking out the name of Geo. P. Buell.

Senator Dohoney moved to suspend the rules to consider the message from the House.

Rules suspended.

Senator Dohoney moved the Senate recede from its action in striking out the name of George P. Buell.

Yeas and nays taken :

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Broughton, Dohoney, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Latimer, Pettit, Priest, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—15.

Nays—Bell, Bowers, Clark, Douglas, Flanagan, Mills, Parsons, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle Rawson—11.

Absent—Cole, Hertzberg—2.

Carried.

The Secretary informed the House that the Senate concurred in their action in House bill No. 254.

Message from the House with its action:

House bill No. 260, "An Act to incorporate the town of Gatesville, in Coryell county, Texas."

House bill No. 331, "An Act to incorporate the Liberty County, Texas, Agricultural, Mechanical and Blood Stock Association."

House bill No. 352, "An Act to define, establish and make the boundaries of the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Encinal, Duval and Nueces."

House bill No. 414, "An Act to incorporate the town of Rockport, in Refugio county."

House bill No. 436, "An Act for the relief of John W. High, of the county of Houston."

House bill No. 439, "An Act to authorize the police court of Karnes county to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose of completing the courthouse and jail now in process of construction in said county."

House bill No. 368, "An Act to incorporate the Sabine Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Association."

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House, with the action of the Senate, Senate bill No. 139, "An Act to incorporate the Harrison County Agricultural and Mechanical Association."

Senate bill No. 169, "An Act to incorporate the Comal Cemetery Association."

Senate bill No. 200, "An Act to authorize county courts to levy a road tax, and to improve roads and bridges."

Senate bill No. 258, "An Act to authorize clerks of the district courts, their deputies, and notaries public, to take acknowledgments of deeds and other written instruments."

Also enrolled bill (Senate bill 202) "An Act authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certain settlers' claims of one hundred and sixty acres of land each, on payment of usual office fees and fifty cents per acre."

Enrolled, (Senate bill No. 55) "An Act to organize and define the powers of the criminal district court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof."

## BILLS.

By Senator Priest: A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that certified copies of written documents filed in any of the State departments shall be admitted in evidence."

Read first time, rules suspended, bill read second time, passed to engrossment. On motion the rules were further suspended and the bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Ruby, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate bill 221, "An Act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Company of Texas."

Rules suspended, bill read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Yeas and nays on final passage were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Dohoney, Douglas, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Games, Hall, Hertz-

berg, Latimer, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—25.

Nays—None.

Absent—Cole, Evans, Mills—3.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President announced the business before the Senate to be the Governor's veto message on Senate bill No. 94, "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad."

Pending discussion message from the House informing the Senate that the Speaker had signed in open session enrolled Senate bill No. 202, "An Act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certain settlers' claims, etc."

Also enrolled Senate bill No. 55, "An Act to organize and define the powers of the criminal district court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof," whereupon they were signed by the President.

Also that the House had passed Senate bill No. 75, "An Act for the relief of the heirs of General Sam Houston, deceased."

Also Senate bill No. 3, "An Act authorizing Thomas M. Harwood, W. G. Belding, and Charles Mason, of Gonzales county, to construct and build a bridge across the Guadalupe River near the town of Gonzales," informing the Senate the House had rejected the same.

Special message from the Governor by his private Secretary:

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Austin, Texas, July 23, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointments, to wit:

Charles Fowler, Joseph Barnard, F. W. Hitchcock, W. S. Davis and John Sealy as Pilot Commissioners for the port of Galveston.

Hugh Brosing, Charles B. Gardner, G. T. Ruby and C. Olsson as Notaries Public for Galveston county, Texas.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,

Governor.

Referred to Committee on Nominations.

Under direction of the President, the Secretary carried to the House Senate bill No. 59, "An Act to incorporate the Sabine and Neches Mutual Insurance Company," Senate bill No. 90, "An

Act to incorporate the Sabine and Neches River and Pine Island Bayou Internal Improvement Company," Senate bill No. 145, "An Act to incorporate the Railroad Real Estate Building and Savings Association of Texas."

Pending discussion, on motion of Senator Baker, the further consideration of the subject under debate was postponed until Monday at eleven A. M.

On motion of Senator Mills the Senate adjourned till Monday at ten A. M.

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